



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES

RFP Title: SOUTH CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

RFP Response Due Date and Time:
10:00 a.m., Mountain Time/ July 21, 2014

Number of Pages
(including cover): 8

Issue Date:
June 25, 2014

ISSUING AGENCY INFORMATION

Flathead County Commissioners Office
800 South Main Street, Room 302, Kalispell, MT 59901

Single Point of Contact (SPOC): Debbie Pierson: (406) 758-2467, dpierson@flathead.mt.gov

Website: <http://flathead.mt.gov/commissioners/southcampus.php>

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIRMS

Return Sealed Proposal to:
Debbie Pierson
Flathead County Commissioners Office
800 South Main Street, Room 302
Kalispell, MT 59901

Mark Face of Envelope/Package with:

RFP Response-South Campus

Special Instructions:

FIRMS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

Firm Name/Address:

(Name/Title)

(Signature)

Print name and title and sign in ink. By submitting a response to this RFP, offeror acknowledges it understands and will comply with the RFP specifications and requirements.

Type of Entity (e.g., corporation, LLC, etc.)

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

FAX Number:

PLEASE RETURN THIS COVER SHEET WITH RFP RESPONSES

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The Flathead County Commissioners are requesting statement of qualification proposals from firms interested in providing architectural and engineering services to Flathead County pursuant to the requirements of Section 18-8-201 *et seq.*, M.C.A. Services needed include building design, construction plans, bid specifications and construction management for the Flathead County South Campus Construction Project. The two story structure will be constructed on the corner of First Avenue West & 11th Street West, Kalispell, Montana. (Block 143, lots 19-24).

RFP Submittal Terms: The Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for this solicitation is:

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- For additional information on the proposed project and preliminary budget, please reference Attachment #1, Capital Improvement Plan Fiscal Years 2015-2019, page 39-South Campus Building.
- A Pre-Proposal Conference and lot tour will be conducted at **2 pm, Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at the Earl Bennett Building Second Floor Conference Rooms A & B, located at 1025 First Avenue West in Kalispell.** All firms interested in submitting a proposal are encouraged to attend.
- Questions about this RFP must be submitted via e-mail or in writing to the SPOC by **July 11, 2014.** No additional project questions will be addressed after this date. A Response addendum listing all questions received and Flathead County's responses will be posted by **July 15, 2014** on the Flathead County webpage at:
<http://flathead.mt.gov/commissioner/southcampus.php>.
- **Proposals must be submitted to the SPOC no later than 10:00 am on July 21, 2014.**
- **Six (6) copies** of the RFP response proposal must be submitted as well as **one (1) electronic disk copy.**
- Please label outside of response package envelope as: ***RFP Response-South Campus***
- **Proposals are scheduled for opening by the Board of Commissioners at 10:15 am, July 21, 2014 in the Commissioners Chambers.**

TARGET SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pre-Proposal Conference	July 9, 2014
Deadline for Receipt of Written Questions on RFP	July 11, 2014
RFP Question Responses Posted on County Website	July 15, 2014
RFP Proposals Due to Commissioners Office	July 21, 2014
Intended Date for Contract Award	August 2014
Finalized Design/Construction documents due:	December 31, 2014
Construction Bid Process	January-February 2015
Construction Kick-Off	March 2015
Project Completion	Fall 2015

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The newly constructed South Campus building will house three county departments, Agency on Aging (AOA), Health and Building Maintenance. The AOA department will be located on both the first and second floors. Building Maintenance will also utilize space of both floors. The Health Department Dental Clinic will be located on the second floor.

This structure will be built on the corner of First Avenue West & 11th Street West (Block 143, lots 19-24), Kalispell, Montana. The building will be a two story structure, similar in design and construction as the county Earl Bennett Building located at 1035 First Avenue West, Kalispell. The proposed building will be approximately 14,000 square feet per floor and will likely include a sky bridge connection to the Earl Bennett Building.

SCOPE OF WORK FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The basic services to be provided will include architectural and engineering services and construction oversight for the South Campus Construction Project.

- ☐ Design building improvements to include structural engineering, electrical engineering, civil and landscaping design and architectural design;
- ☐ Work with stakeholders to determine most appropriate final design;
- ☐ Prepare the construction bid package in conformance with applicable requirements and supervise the construction bid advertising, tabulation, and award process, including preparing the advertisements for bid solicitation, conducting the pre-bid conference, bid opening, evaluation of bids, and subsequent recommendation of lowest responsive bidder;
- ☐ Conduct a pre-construction conference and issue the notice to proceed;
- ☐ Provide construction engineering including regular on-site supervision of construction work, facilitating and recording construction meetings, construction administration and preparing inspection reports;
- ☐ Assure project compliance with all federal and state labor standards as applicable, including reviewing payroll reports to assure compliance with prevailing wage requirements; assuring that required equal opportunity, labor standards, and wage determinations have been posted; and conducting regular on-site interviews with a representative sample of construction personnel (working for any contractors and/or subcontractors) to assure compliance with federal Davis-Bacon and or state prevailing wage labor standards as applicable.

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- ☐ Provide quality control to ensure the contractor and subcontractors are providing materials, labor and products consistent with what is identified in the design and specifications;
- ☐ Provide quality control to ensure compliance with technical specifications and conformance with codes and standards;
- ☐ Review and approve all contractor requests for payment and submit approved requests to Flathead County for payment processing;
- ☐ Provide one complete set of as-built, reproducible plan drawings to the County upon project completion; and
- ☐ Conduct final inspection and testing.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS CONTENT & EVALUATION CRITERIA

Pre-Proposal Conference

An optional Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 2:00 pm. The Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the Earl Bennett Building Second Floor Conference Rooms A & B, located at 1025 First Avenue West, Kalispell, MT. Firms are encouraged to use this opportunity to ask clarifying questions, obtain a better understanding of the project, and to notify the County of any ambiguities, inconsistencies, or errors discovered upon examination of this RFP. All responses to questions during the Pre-Proposal Conference will be oral and in no way binding to the County. Participation in the Pre-Proposal Conference is optional; however, it is advisable that all interested parties participate.

Proposal Submittal:

Firms are solely responsible for all costs incurred in the preparation and submittal of the RFP. Respondents should submit six full copies of their RFP response proposals and one electronic disk copy to the single point of contact for this solicitation by **10:00 am, July 21, 2014. No late, faxed, or email proposal submittals will be accepted.** Proposals should not exceed a total of 20 one-sided pages, excluding a one-page cover letter and personnel resumes. Minimum font size for all text is 12 point. Questions about the RFP must be submitted via e-mail or in writing to the single point of contact on or before July 11, 2015. A Response Addendum listing all questions received and Flathead County's responses will be posted by July 15, 2014 on the Flathead County webpage at: <https://flathead.mt.gov/commissioner/southcampus.php>. It is the

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responsibility of each firm to check the website if they are interested in the questions received and the responses provided by Flathead County.

Subject to exceptions provided by Montana Law, all information received in response to this RFP, including copyrighted material is public information. Proposals will be made available for public viewing and copying shortly after the proposal due date and time. The exceptions to this requirement are (1) bona fide trade secrets meeting the requirements of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, title 30, chapter 14, part 4, MCA, that have been properly marked, separated, and documented; (2) matters involving individual safety as determined by the County; (3) other constitutional protections. The County will provide a hard copy of the RFP responses for interested parties to review during regular business hours at the County Commissioners Office, 800 South Main Street, Room 302, Kalispell, MT. If interested parties would like a copy of the RFP, one will be provided on a disk for a charge of \$1.00 per disk copy.

Proposal Content:

Proposals should demonstrate that the firm has the professional capability and availability to satisfactorily and timely complete all the tasks as described in the Scope of Work section of this RFP. Responses should include:

- 1) The firm's legal name, address, telephone number and principal contact e-mail address;
- 2) The principal(s) of the firm and their experience and qualifications;
- 3) The experience, qualifications and assigned roles of any and all staff to be assigned to the project;
- 4) A description of the firm's prior experience, including design and construction management of any similar renovation projects, location of project, and total construction cost;
- 5) A description of the firms current work activities and how these will be coordinated with the project, as well as the firm's anticipated availability during the term of the project;
- 6) The proposed work plan and schedule for activities to be performed; and
- 7) A minimum of three references that are knowledgeable regarding the firms recent performance on projects, including the company name, location where services were provided, contact person(s), contact telephone number, contact e-mail address, and a complete description of services provided, including dates of service. These references may be contacted to verify a firm's ability to perform the contract. The County reserves the right to use any information or additional references deemed necessary to establish the ability of the firm to perform the contract. (Negative references may be grounds for proposal disqualification).

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Evaluation Criteria:

Respondents will be evaluated and scored according to the following factors:

- 1) Overall quality of the Statement of Qualifications – 15%
- 2) The qualifications and experience of the professional personnel to be assigned to the project, including reference checks – 20%
- 3) The consultant's capability to meet time and project budget requirements and the availability of personnel to respond and provide services in a timely manner– 15 %
- 4) Consultant Location – 10%
- 5) Present or projected workload that would affect completion of the project – 15%
- 6) Related experience on similar projects – 20%
- 7) Recent or current work related to Flathead County – 5%

ARCHITECTURAL FIRM SELECTION PROCESS

Upon receipt of responses, selection committee members will evaluate all responsive proposals and assign scores based on the stated evaluation criteria provided. Highest ranking firms may be asked to attend an interview or Flathead County may opt to open direct negotiations with the firm that presents the most qualified, highest scoring proposal. If interviews are conducted, finalists are encouraged to bring renderings/photos of related examples of work and any other pertinent past project information. Contract negotiations will commence with the highest-ranked architectural firm. The contract will be awarded upon reaching an appropriate price for this work. If an appropriate agreement cannot be reached with the highest-ranked firm, the second-ranked firm will be approached, and so on. Unsuccessful firms will be notified as soon as possible.

This solicitation is being offered in accordance with federal and state statutes governing procurement of professional services. Accordingly, the County reserves the right to negotiate an agreement based on fair and reasonable compensation for the scope of work and services proposed, as well as the right to reject any and all responses deemed unqualified, unsatisfactory or inappropriate.

The project involves planning and construction management, and no future work is implied or guaranteed. Flathead County reserves the right to increase the scope of work with the selected firm as long as the increase is within the firm's ability. Payment and contract terms will be negotiated with the selected firm. Firms interested in contracting with Flathead County are minimally required to provide independent contractors insurance showing at least \$1,000,000 worth of business liability insurance, \$1,000,000 worth of auto coverage, and proof of work compensation coverage (or an independent contractor's exemption certificate).

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In no event shall any official, officer, employee or agent of Flathead County be in any way personally liable or responsible for any covenant or agreement herein contained whether expressed or implied, not for any statement, representation or warranty made therein or in any connection with the agreement.

While Flathead County has every intention to award a contract resulting from this RFP, issuance of the RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the County to award and execute a contract. Upon a determination such actions would be in its best interest, the County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to:

- Cancel or terminate this RFP;
- Reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP;
- Not award a contract, if it is in the County's best interest not to proceed with contract execution; or
- If awarded, terminate any contract if the County determines adequate funds are not available.

Flathead County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

